MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum—Rural*): Has it been made out that the people of Nedumangad are being put to any special hardship or inconvenience merely because the Munsiff's Court there is called a Temporary Court and has not been called a permanent one?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): No they are not.

Grant-in-aid to an Ophthalmic Vydiasala.

37. *MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have received a memorial dated the 7th October 1935 from Mr. P. V. Samuel, Retired Assistant Secretary to Government, and other inhabitants of Chennittala and adjacent *pakuthies* praying for giving a grant-in-aid to Mr. Kochitty Oommen, recognised ophthalmic physician;

(*b*) whether endorsement No. 777/34, L. G B., dated the 5th September 1934, has been given to the aforesaid physician stating that the question of giving grant-in-aid to his *Vydiasala* would be considered when additional grant-in-aid *Vydiasalas* are sanctioned; and

(*c*) if the answer to parts (*a*) and (*b*) are in the affirmative, the steps taken on the memorial referred to in part (*a*)?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) and (*b*) Yes.

(*c*) The matter is under consideration.

English Middle School for Girls, Chengannur.

38. *MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): With reference to the answer to question No. 22, Vol. IV. page 90, Sri Mulam Assembly Proceedings, will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the question of raising the standard of the English Middle School for Girls, Chengannur, has been considered in connection with the budget for 1110 and the result thereof;

(*b*) the total number of girl students in Forms IV, V and VI of the Government High School, Chengannur; and

(*c*) how many divisions of the Fourth Form there are exclusively for girls in the said High School?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*):

(*a*) No. It was considered in connection with the budget for 1111 M. E., but was not taken up for want of funds.

(b) 117.

(*c*) Two.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): What is the maximum number of pupils for a division of a class, if the Government have prescribed any such maximum limit?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): About 45.

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MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): Are the Government aware that a number of girl-pupils, belonging to Chengannur, are now prosecuting their High School education in distant residential schools?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): I thank the member for the unsolicited information.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): May I know the number of girl-pupils in the V Form, and the number in the VI Form, of the Chengannur English High School?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): The total number is 117, in the IV, V and the VI Forms together. There may be about 65 in the IV Form. The rest belonging to the V and the VI Forms.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): I want the separate number for the Fifth Form as well as for the Sixth Form.

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): I claim notice.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): What will be the approximate annual increase of expenditure if the standard of the Chengannur English Middle School for Girls is raised?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): I am afraid, Sir, I have to claim notice. I have not made the calculation.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): It is stated in the answer to part (*a*) that it was not taken up for want of funds. Without ascertaining the additional expenditure involved, how was it possible for the Government to come to the conclusion that they could not spare the necessary funds for this purpose?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): No detailed calculation of the expenditure involved need be made for that. On a rough calculation, it was considered that this year we could not afford to go in for that.

Irrigation Works in the Chengannur Taluk.

39. ***MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI** (*Tiruvalla III*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the total amount spent in 1108, 1109 and 1110 respectively by P. W. D. (Irrigation) for improving the irrigation canals in all the *pakuthies* of the old Chengannur taluk;

(*b*) whether the Irrigation Executive Engineer, Quilon, has received any written representation from the representative of the Chengannur public regarding the urgent necessity of improving the Chengannur-Illimala Canal and the date thereof; and

(*c*) the action hitherto taken by the Department on such representation?

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